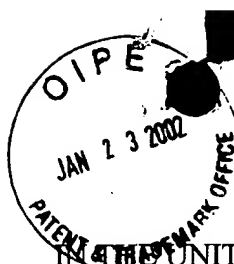


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The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in the official Search Reports for European Patent Application Nos. 00106528.3 and 00106530.9, which are counterparts to the instant case. Since various references cited in those Search Reports already are of record in this application, copies of those references have not been provided¹, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609.

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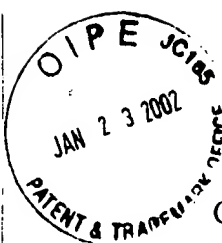
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It is hereby certified that each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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